

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 16, 2008

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of June 2008, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Betty Chlumsky, Commissioner, 2nd District

Joe Wilson, Commissioner, 3rd District

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Chlumsky moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 regular meeting.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AARP – Tax Preparation:

-Earlier this year, local members of the AARP used conference space in the Courthouse to prepare tax returns for eligible citizens. Marlene Feist, representing AARP, will provide a summary of persons served.

Marlene Feist, representing AARP, provided details on the all volunteer program. This program is a cooperation between AARP and the IRS which provided services to both Barton County and Pawnee Counties. They worked from the library, senior center, and the courthouse and prepared returns for over 500 people and \$325,000 in refunds.

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Departmental History:

-The Barton County Health Department's mission is to prevent disease and promote healthy residents.

As such, the Department strives to prevent epidemics and the spread of disease; protect against environmental hazards; prevent injuries; promote and encourage healthy behaviors; respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery and assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Lily Akings, Health Director, provided a departmental history.

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C. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant:

-The Barton County Emergency Management Office recently applied for and received a local Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The grant allows Barton County to request proposals from approved contractors to provide a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan for Barton County to include the incorporated jurisdictions within the County. Other eligible governmental entities within Barton County will be invited to participate in the planning process. Proposals were received from the following contractors: AMEC Earth & Environmental Inc., E-Fm Consulting, LLC, and Brake & Associates, LLC. At this time, the Commissioners will be asked to accept a proposal for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented details and said proposals were received from the following firms and all firms met the project requirements:

<i>AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.</i>	<i>\$50,000.00</i>
<i>E-Fm Consulting, LLC</i>	<i>\$32,703.75</i>
<i>Brake & Associates, LLC</i>	<i>\$30,000.00</i>

Commissioner Chlumsky moved to accept the proposal from E-Fm Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$32,703.75. The project will be paid through the Mitigation Planning Grant, with 75% of the funds to be paid from FEMA, and 25% of the funds to be paid by the State of Kansas as a cash match. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioners Schartz, Commissioner Chlumsky, Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Wilson all voted aye.

Commissioner Krier voted nay and stated it was due to the cost difference.

Motion passed 4 to 1.

- Amy Miller: disaster drill will be Friday, June 27th

D. MEMORIAL PARKS: Policy Revisions:

-For some years, the Commission has worked in concert with the Memorial Parks Advisory Committee. A number of upgrades at the Memorial Parks have been made as a result of the collaborative effort. At this time, Richard Boeckman, County Counselor \ Administrator, will present two new suggestions. These include allowing upright headstones in the northern portion of Hillcrest and a veterans' park in a portion of Golden Belt.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

County looking at doing something for the Vets and the Vietnam Vets in particular, with a white cross displayed.

The following individual(s) presented information or made comments:

- Wayne McReynolds, representing the American Legion: commented this is a wonderful program.
- Nancy Farmer, Cemetery Advisory Board: supports the changes.
- Randy Myers, Great Bend City Council: commented that it was an excellent idea.
- Becky Wornkey: wanted to give everyone a hand and said it is great idea to allow upright headstones.

Commissioner Krier moved to direct Mr. Boeckman to draft revisions to County Resolution 2007-17, Regulations for Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Rescinding Resolution 2007-07, Same, Adopted April 23, 2007, to allow for (Option A) upright headstones in the Northern portion of Hillcrest Memorial Park and (Option B) to develop a Veterans' Park in a portion of Golden Belt Memorial Park, with a later time for the Commissions to vote on the resolution.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

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E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sheriff Causey: County under a severe thunderstorm warning until 10:30am.
Acknowledged the recent rumors and stated nothing criminal occurred at his residence on the night of June 2nd.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Chlumsky made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 A.M.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman